

REMARKS

The examiner allowed claims 44-46, with claim 44 being an independent claim from which claim 45-46 depend. The remaining claims in this application have either been amended to depend from allowable claim 44, directly or through intervening claim, or have been cancelled. The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-3 are canceled;
Claim 4 amended to depend from claim 44;
Claim 5 canceled;
Claims 6-11 amended to depend from claim 44;
Claim 12 canceled;
Claim 13 amended;
Claims 14-16 previously withdrawn;
Claims 17-18 amended;
Claims 19-38 previously withdrawn;
Claim 39 canceled;
Claims 40-41 amended;
Claims 42-43 canceled;
Claims 44-46 allowed; and
Claims 47-50 previously withdrawn.

Claim 51 has been added and depends from allowable claim 44.

Applicants respectfully submits that claims 4, 6-11, 13, 17-18, 40-41, 44-46 and 51 are allowable and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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